

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks the examiner for the careful examination given to the present application. The application has been reviewed in light of the Office action, and it is respectfully submitted that the application as amended, is patentable over the art of record. Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 6, 8, 10, 12, and 17 have been amended. Claim 9 has been canceled.

Claims 6 and 8 are objected to because of informalities. Claims 6 and 8 have been amended to correct the informalities.

Claims 1, 3, 5-12 and 16-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Harms (U.S. Patent No. 5,732,331). Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly point out and claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claim 10 has been rewritten in independent form, and claim 9 has been canceled.

Harms fails to disclose or teach "a chassis constituting an internal skeleton portion of said first box member and said second box member, said chassis being made of a metal part and including integrally formed hinge portions" as recited in amended claim 1. Harms discloses hinge portions, slot 34 and rod 36, integrally attached to the main housing 12 and flip portion 14, respectively (col. 3, lines 16-25; Fig. 3). In Harms, the slot 34 is made from a hard plastic and the wall of slot 34 is made from a resilient plastic or other resilient material (col. 3, lines 35-37).

Harms does not disclose or teach a chassis constituting an internal skeleton portion of the main housing 12 and flip portion 14. Further, since the Harms hinge portions 34, 36 are of a non-metallic material, Harms does not disclose or teach a chassis being made of a metal part with integrally formed hinge portions. Thus, Harms does not disclose or teach all the elements of the claimed invention.

With regards to claim 10, Harms fails to disclose or teach “at least one hinge part of said hinge includes a reinforcing part that is stronger than external parts of said first box member and second box member and said reinforcing part reinforces said external parts, wherein said external parts are at least one of an upper cover of said first box member and a lower cover of said second box member, and wherein said reinforcing part is an upper hinge frame and a lower hinge frame” as recited in amended claim 10.

Harms discloses hinge portions, slot 34 and rod 36, integrally attached to the main housing 12 and flip portion 14, respectfully (col. 3, lines 16-25; Fig. 3). In Harms, the slot 34 is made from a hard plastic and the wall of slot 34 is made from a resilient plastic or other resilient material (col. 3, lines 35-37). However, Harms does not disclose or teach that the slot 34 and the wall of 34 are stronger than the covers of the main housing and flip portion. Therefore, Harms fails to disclose or teach that a reinforcing part of the hinge is stronger than at least one of an upper cover of the first box member and a lower cover of the second box member. Thus, Harms does not disclose or teach all the elements of the claimed invention.

With regard to claims 12 and 17, Harms does not disclose or teach “an internal chassis that supports a substrate” as recited in amended claims 12 and 17. Harms discloses hinge portions, slot 34 and rod 36, integrally attached to the main housing 12 and flip portion 14, respectfully (col. 3, lines 16-25; Fig. 3). Harms does not disclose or teach an internal chassis that supports a substrate. Therefore, Harms does not disclose or teach all the elements of the claimed invention.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application as amended is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with

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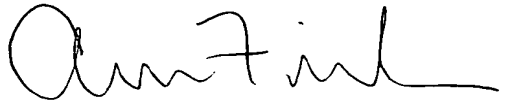
the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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